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gations. Passages for sight reading should always be selected from the next lesson. Difficulties of pupils, as listed by Utica Free Academy teachers, included (1) ignorance of words, even familiar words: such ignorance causes inability to follow the thought; (2) inability to group words properly; tendency to read without dividing the sentence; (3) difficulties with the threefold pronoun; (4) ignorance of prefix and suffix forms; (5) superficial observation of words; (6) too much haste to translate. Classes should be trained in patience. Success in sight work, finally, depends on the use of an appropriate passage.

Principal Meritt of Gloversville emphasized the study of Greek. He deplored short-cut methods. The Classics are a foundation for developing the spiritual side of life.

Dr. Fitch, of Hamilton College, gave an illustrated lecture on The Religion of Apollo and the Oracle at Delphi, dealing specially with the revelations made by the French in the last twenty-five years, through their excavations.

At the close of the lecture the Conference organized as a subsidiary of The New York State Classical Association, comprising the Counties of Oneida, Madison, and Herkimer, with Principal Henry D. Hopkins, of New Hartford, as President, and Mr. B. H. Woodward, of the Utica Academy, as Secretary-Treasurer.

P. L. WIGHT.

MEETINGS

The teachers of Westchester County organized Saturday, March 13, in Tarrytown as a section of The Classical Association of New York State. Dr. W. T. Vlymen, Principal of the Eastern District High School of Brooklyn, gave the principal address. The officers elected were: President, F. A. Cook, Yonkers; Vice-President, Mary L. Overocker, Ossining; Secretary, W. S. Mulford, Yonkers; Treasurer, Marguerite Richardson, Hastings-on-Hudson.

The St. Lawrence County Section of The Classical Association of New York State was organized on February 12 at the Potsdam Normal School. Mr. S. Dwight Arms conducted a round table on the general problems confronting the Latin teacher, followed by a detailed discussion of first year Latin, with particular regard to the ways and means of arousing interest.

THE NEW YORK LATIN CLUB

A special meeting of The New York Latin Club was held on March 6, at Washington Irving High School, to discuss The Subject-Matter of First Year Latin.

Professor Knapp, who led the discussion, presented the suggestions of a group of five teachers of Latin. The main ideas were (1) that the total amount to be accomplished in the Four Year High School course should not be less than at present, but that there should be a different distribution of work throughout the first two years. (2) In particular, it was suggested that the period of infancy should be prolonged by an entire half year, i. e., that the beginners' stage should take up three

half years instead of two. Then, by slower and surer, because more thorough, progress at the start, by securing more time in the first year for the requisite drill, especially through the postponement of forms, and, in larger measure, of syntactical points to the third half year, by making a better transition from the second to the third half year, filling up the gap now felt so keenly between these two half years, by proper grading of the reading matter so that the pupil may be introduced early and naturally to complex sentences, to the periodic structure etc., much more reading of Latin (some, perhaps much of it, 'made' Latin) as a whole could be done in the first year and far better and surer and pleasanter progress be made in the third and fourth half years. With the fourth half year the reading of Caesar or Nepos or the like might well begin.

Concrete suggestions illustrating these general ideas were then presented.

A spirited and interesting discussion followed, in which many took part.

JANE G. CARTER, *Censor*.

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY

The third meeting of the year was held at Pennsylvania College for Women, on February 13. Professor R. B. English, of Washington and Jefferson College, gave a splendid illustrated lecture on Europe Ancient and Modern in the Throes of War. Mr. F. L. Matteson read a paper on Non-Essentials in the Teaching of First Year Latin, which was thought so important by those present that it was decided to have it repeated at the next meeting, in conjunction with The Association of Secondary Schools of the Upper Ohio Valley.

The fourth meeting was held at the University of Pittsburgh, on March 6. Great interest was shown in Miss Paxson's play, A Roman School, presented by boys of the Homestead High School, under the direction of Miss Sara E. Covert. President R. M. Russell, of Westminster College, speaking of the Practical Value of the Classics, said that the Classics give an insight into language, a broader vocabulary, keen discrimination of synonyms, first-hand knowledge of ancient thought and a broader culture. Miss Alta Fretts read a suggestive paper on What Latin Words Are Most Useful for Increasing an English Vocabulary, and Mr. Matteson repeated his paper, which it is hoped will be published.

B. L. ULLMAN.

SOCIETAS GENTIUM LATINA

For a year or more some professional and business men, some of them out of College for more than thirty years, have been meeting informally, every fortnight, to talk Latin. On February 1, 1915, these men incorporated, in the State of New York, the Societas Gentium Latina. The objects of the Association are "to ascertain and introduce methods for increasing interest in Latin and its use as a living language, especially through the experience of its members in employing the language as a means of social and intellectual intercourse."

The annual dues of the Society are \$5.00, except for men engaged professionally in teaching Latin or Greek; for the latter the dues are \$3.00 per year. The meetings are held twice a month, in the evening, in the office of Dr. H. C. deV. Cornwell, President, 40 East 41st Street, New York City. All men are cordially invited to be present, and, further, to become members. Additional information may be had from Mr. Chandler Davis, English Secretary of the Societas, 1 Broadway, New York City.

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